

Metro South Bay Holds Employee Appreciation Barbecue

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(August 27, 2002) South Bay Division 18 threw a big fiesta, last week, in honor of their employees.

The Employee Appreciation Barbecue was the first for Division 18's Transportation Manager Cindy Karpman.

"The barbecue was inspired by the employees' performance," Karpman said. "I want to show that management and the union appreciate them."

Operator William Marshall provided disc jockey services for the event, playing tunes to create an enjoyable atmosphere.

"I'm having a wonderful time," he said. "This was an excellent idea."

"It's a teamwork type of thing," Karpman said. "Everybody works really well here so I just wanted to thank everybody."

Operator Jimi Starr Greene, UTU shop steward, said the employees really deserved this barbecue.

"The operators are very work-conscious," Greene said. "They really come out here and do what they are supposed to do. I think it is important that we show them a little recognition."

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Transit Operations Supervisor Debbie VanderPioeg and Operator Angelique Green promote safety while serving food.



South Bay Division 18 Transportation Manager Cindy Karpman takes a minute to pose with Dispatchers/Operators Ruth Villalpando and Charlene Carr.



Operators William Marshall and Angelique Green enjoy the rewards. Marshall also provided music for the festivities.



From left, Mechanics Johnny Rodriguez, Clyde Brawley and Al Concepcion work the grills.